

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 are pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. Claim 7 has been added. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claim 1 is in independent form.

### **Claim Rejections - §102**

**1-5.** Claims 1, 2, and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by FR 2,424,157 to Cibie Projecteurs ("the '157 reference"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 of the above-captioned application, as amended, includes the limitation of "a connecting bar including a spherical ball end pivotally secured to said first reflector and an opposing hinge clip end pivotally secured to said second reflector."

The '157 reference does not disclose a connecting bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16). In the '157 reference, an adjustability screw V2 connects a first reflector MC and a second reflector MR. One end of the screw V2 includes a ball S2 and is pivotally secured in a socket CS2 that is connected to the second reflector MR. The other end of the screw V2 is threaded and inserted through a nut E that is connected to the first reflector MC. **Clearly, the screw V2 does not disclose a hinge clip for pivotally securing the end opposite the ball S2 to the first reflector MC, as required by amended claim 1 of the above-captioned application.**

Applicants have cancelled claim 6.

Claim 2 depends from amended claim 1 and, as such, is construed to incorporate by reference all of the limitations of amended claim 1, *see* 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph. Thus, claim 2 includes the limitation of a connecting bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16). As mentioned above, the '157 reference does not disclose a connecting

bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the '157 reference be withdrawn.

### **Claim Rejections - §103**

**6-8.** Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '157 reference. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The subject matter of original claim 3 has been incorporated into currently amended claim 1. Consequently, original claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 4 and 5 depend from amended claim 1 and, as such, are construed to incorporate by reference all of the limitations of amended claim 1, *see* 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph. Thus, claims 4 and 5 include the limitation of a connecting bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16). As mentioned above, the '157 reference does not disclose a connecting bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16).

The '157 reference does not provide any teaching, suggestion, or motivation for the limitation of a connecting bar (44) including a spherical ball end (46) pivotally secured to a first reflector (14) and an opposing hinge clip end (48) pivotally secured to a second reflector (16). The '157 reference includes a threaded adjustability screw V2 inserted through a nut E to provide independent adjustment of a first reflector MC and a second reflector MR. Specifically, the threaded end of the screw V2 includes a slot for receiving a screwdriver to turn the screw V2 within the nut E thereby linearly adjusting the screw V2. The linear adjustment or movement of the screw V2 causes the second reflector MR to move independent of or relative to the first reflector MC. While it would be obvious to replace the threaded adjustability screw V2 and nut E with some other type of connection that allows for independent adjustment of the second reflector MR relative to the first reflector MC, there clearly is no teaching, suggestion, or

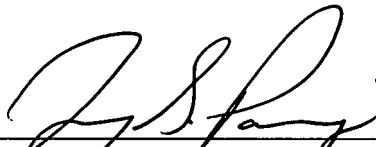
motivation to replace the threaded adjustability screw V2 and nut E with a connection that eliminates this functionality altogether. If the threaded adjustability screw V2 and nut E in the '157 reference were replaced with a pivotal connection, such as with a hinge clip and hinge pin as the Examiner suggests, the second reflector MR would no longer be adjustable independent of the first reflector MC. Thus, the '157 reference would not work as intended. As a result, Applicants contend that the invention set forth in amended claim 1, and claims 4 and 5 depending therefrom, would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '157 reference be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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